

Lesson 12

Obadiah: Edomite's Destruction foretold

Read Obadiah. Complete the following:

1. God made a covenant with Abraham and his descendents that He would be their God, and they would be His people. God gave Abraham a son in his old age: Isaac. Isaac and his wife Rebecca had twin boys. What were their names? (Genesis 25:25-26a) _____ and _____ What was Esau called in Genesis 25:30? _____ That is from whence the Edomites came.
2. When these boys grew, something happened. Tell what happened. (Genesis 25:29-34): _____

Read some insight from the New Testament:

"16. Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. 17. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears" (Hebrews 12:16-17). He was considered a wicked or profane person because he sold his birthright. We then find he didn't inherit the blessing for "he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance ..."

3. Who received the blessing? (Genesis 27:41) _____ How did Esau feel? _____ What did Esau want to do? _____
4. What people did Esau marry? (Genesis 36:2) _____ Whose wishes did he go against when he did this? (Genesis 28:6-9) _____ Where did the Edomites dwell? (Genesis 36:8) _____

The Edomites were enemies to God's people, Israel

5. Write Obadiah 1: _____

Who was God sending to the heathen? _____

Heathen means "non-Israeli, or Gentile";

Ambassador means "one who acts as a representative; often a messenger"

6. What did God point out was their problem? (Obadiah 3) _____

7. What will God do to the nation? (Obadiah 4) _____
8. What did the Edomites do wrong? (Obadiah 10) _____
9. Compare the house of Jacob and Esau when God is finished: (Obadiah 17-18) _____
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10. Just as Obadiah was an ambassador for God, for whom are we to be ambassadors according to 2 Corinthians 5:20a? _____

(Answers: **1.** Jacob and Esau; Edom; **2.** Jacob made pottage and Esau came from the field, faint. Esau told Jacob to feed him the pottage. Jacob told him to sell him his birthright. Esau asked what good it would do him if he died of starvation. Esau sold it to Jacob, and Jacob gave Esau bread, and pottage of lentils. Esau despised his birthright; **3.** Jacob; Esau hated Jacob; Esau wanted to kill his brother, Jacob; **4.** daughters of Caanan; Isaac his father; Mount Seir; **5.** “The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle”; an ambassador, Obadiah; **6.** their pride; **7.** bring them down; **8.** the violence against their brother; **9.** Jacob: upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, holiness, and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions, they will be a fire and a flame; the house of Esau will be stubble, kindle in that fire, and be devoured in that fire, and there will be nothing remaining of the house of Esau — for the Lord has spoken it; **10.** Christ)